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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

A copy of the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application is also attached.

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English abstracts of all non-English Japanese Patent Applications are enclosed. Non-English Japanese Patent Application No. 9-198156 is cited on pages 3 and 4 of the specification.

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NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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